

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:14-CV-36**

THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE)
COMPANY OF AMERICA,)

Plaintiff,

v.

MARVIN ANTONIO HILL, ANNETTE)
REED BOLDEN, and ROBERT A.)
MULLINAX, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF)
THE ESTATE OF LOUVER M. HILL,)

Defendants.

ORDER

BEFORE THE COURT is Annette Reed Bolden's Motion to Stay (Doc. 32) to which Robert Mullinax does not object. The Court finds that a stay is appropriate given the ongoing criminal proceedings against Marvin Antonio Hill. A stay prevents the unnecessary expenditure of resources by both the parties and the Court by allowing the slayer issue to potentially be determined by the criminal proceeding. *Prudential Ins. Co. of Am. v. Bynum*, No. 5:11-CV-62-FL, 2012 WL 555757, at *2 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 21, 2012) (granting stay while defendant appealed his criminal conviction).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT

- (1) Annette Reed Bolden's Motion to Stay (Doc. 32) be **GRANTED**; and
- (2) The case be stayed pending disposition of all criminal matters against Defendant Marvin Antonio Hill arising out of or relating to the death of Louver M. Hill.

Signed: November 24, 2014



Richard L. Voorhees
United States District Judge

